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LIMDIS FOR AMBASSADOR AGGREY FROM AF/W

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TAGS: PDIP, SG, US

SUBJECT: SENEGALESE EMBASSY CHAUFFEUR INVOLVED IN FATAL
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

1. SENEGALESE EMBASSY CHAUFFEUR FLORENTINE RUMINGAN
(FILIPINO NATIONAL) WAS INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENT
FEBRUARY 24 IN ARLINGTON, VA., WHILE DRIVING EMBASSY CAR.
CAR SMASHED INTO DUMP TRUCK WORKING ON ROADWAY, KILLING
ONE AND INJURING TWO (BOTH STILL HOSPITALIZED BUT RE-
PORTEDLY NOT IN SERIOUS CONDITION).

2. ACCIDENT ALREADY HAS BEEN WIDELY REPORTED IN LOCAL
MEDIA (NEWSPAPERS, RADIO, AND TV) AND IN ALL PROBABILITY
WILL EXCITE FURTHER INTEREST DUE LOCAL CONCERN OVER
DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY FOR LOWER-LEVEL EMBASSY EMPLOYEES
INVOLVED IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES AND CATASTROPHIC TRAFFIC
ACCIDENTS. THIS CASE CLOSELY PARALLELS WIDELY PUBLICIZED
1974 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT IN WHICH LOCAL PHYSICIAN WAS
CRIPPLED BY NEGLIGENT DIPLOMAT.

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3. AMBASSADOR COULBARY AND DCM FALL BOTH IN HAITI WHERE

THEY ACCOMPANIED SENGHOR ON RECENT VISIT. BOTH ARE
PLANNING RETURN WASHINGTON EVENING FEBRUARY 25. WE HAVE

BEEN ASKED BY PROTOCOL DIVISION TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL
ASPECTS OF CASE (E.G. POSSIBLE IMMUNITY WAIVER) WITH
SENEGALESE EMBASSY.

4. FYI: TOO SOON TO TELL WHETHER COMMONWEALTH OF
VIRGINIA WILL FORMALLY REQUEST WAIVER OF IMMUNITY IN
ORDER PROSECUTE CHAUFFEUR, BUT THAT IS DEFINITE POSSI-
BILITY THE LIKELIHOOD OF WHICH CAN ONLY INCREASE IN THE
EVENT OF MOUNTING PUBLICITY. CHARGE BELIEVES EMBASSY
HAD SOME INSURANCE ON CAR. END FYI

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